

REMARKS:

Response is hereby made to the Office Action dated February 17, 2004. *Although no fee or extension of time is believed to be required by this Response, the Commissioner is authorized and requested provide any extensions of time and/or to debit any fees that may be required by this Response (including any fees for additional claims or extensions of time) or to avoid abandonment of this Application from Deposit Account No. 50-2091.*

By this Response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 10 and 16 and has cancelled claims 4, 13 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-17 and 19-21 remain pending the application. Support for the claim amendments is found in the specification and claims as originally filed, and no new matter is submitted with this Response.

Without consenting to the rejections contained in the Office Action, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims to incorporate allowable material in the interest of speedy allowance of this Application. More particularly, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations previously found in allowed claim 4. Applicant has amended independent claim 10 to incorporate the limitations previously found in allowed claim 13. Finally, Applicant has amended independent claim 16 to incorporate the "same spread data stream" limitation previously found in claim 18. Because claims 4, 13 and 18 were previously indicated as allowable, Applicant respectfully believes that claims 1, 10 and 16 (and therefore all claims dependent therefrom) are now allowable.

Applicant has also made several modifications to the various claims to improve language consistency and for other formalistic reasons unrelated to patentability. Applicant does not wish to surrender any equivalents to which it would otherwise be entitled.

Because each of the claims now recite at least one element previously indicated as allowable, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal the rejections set forth in the Office Action, and allowance of each of the remaining claims. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (480) 385-5060 or bcarlson@ifllaw.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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